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SUBJECT: HB 19 – Armories and Military Property – Quick Fact Sheet

1. What does HB 19 do? HB 19 amends Title 47-707 of Idaho Code. Chapter 7 of Title 46 is the chapter that deals with armories and other military property under the control of the Idaho National Guard (IDNG). Section 707 is the definition section and among other terms that are defined such as National Guard Bureau, the Adjutant General, the Idaho National Guard, the term “armory” is defined. This section was first passed in 1953, back in a time when the IDNG probably just did have armories in their inventory of property. HB 19 deletes the word armory and replaces it with “Idaho Military Facility” which is defined as “an armory, readiness center, building, storehouse or training facility under the control of the Idaho National Guard and/or Idaho Military Division.

2. Why is HB19 needed? Although the Idaho National Guard still occupies and maintains armories throughout the state, (currently about 28), there are many other kinds of facilities, buildings, and training areas under the control of the Idaho National Guard and the Idaho Military Division. In addition, the term “armory” is somewhat an antiquated term and in the future newly constructed facilities we once called armories will be called “readiness centers.” The purpose of this bill is merely to update the statute and broaden the terminology so that all the different types of facilities maintained and under the control of the Idaho National Guard are included in this definition. When it comes to new construction of facilities in future, the term “Idaho Military Facility” will of course cover armories or the more modern term “readiness centers” but it may also include other buildings, structures, and or expansion, rehabilitation, or conversion of existing facilities.

3. What is the fix? Removing the word “armory” from Section 46-707 and replacing that term with “Idaho Military Facility” would recognize the fact that the IDNG and IMD under the authority of the Adjutant General, will continue to establish, use, and maintain all of these different types of facilities for the training equipping and administration of the Idaho National Guard and its Soldiers and Airmen.

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